industries carry a weightage of only 0.8% in the Index of Industrial Production, hence there is no widespread decline. The decline in these industries was due to technological factors such as shift in demand in end use industries and availability of superior substitutes.

During 2006-07 overall industrial GDP recorded a growth of 10.90%. In order to promote industrial growth, Government has put in place policies which *inter-alia* include delicensing of industrial capacity, liberalization of foreign trade regime to provide better access to inputs at competitive prices, rationalization and reduction in duty rates of customs and central excise, better infrastructure support, and liberal FDI regime.

Investment, employment and exports by SEZs

1689. SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state the SEZ and unit-wise breakup of investment, employment and exports of Rs. 15,000 crores, 25,000 Nos. and 9,301 crores respectively given in the fact sheet of the Ministry of Commerce website and also the value of imports by these 100 SEZs during 2006-07?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): The Special Economic Zones Act, 2005 and the Special Economic Zone Rule, 2006 came into effect on 10th February, 2006 and since then 141 Special Economic Zones (SEZs) have been notified. In these notified SEZs, Rs.46,000 crore have already been invested and these SEZs have provided direct employment to over 40,000 persons. Exports of Rs. 9301 Crore referred to in the question are for the 11 non-Central Government SEZs, which were functional and exporting during 2006-07. The SEZ-wise breakup of investment, employment and exports in these 11 SEZs is as follows:–

Sl. No.	Name of SEZ	Investment (in Rs. crore)	Employment	Exports in 2006-07 (in Rs. crore)
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Indore SEZ	358.36	3199	217.02
2.	Surat SEZ	234.00	5750	5198.94
3.	Surat Apparel Park SEZ	44.01	457	1.64
4.	Jaipur SEZ	85.22	350	168.47
5.	Jodhpur SEZ	18.25	53	6.48
6.	Mahindra World City SEZs (IT, Apparel), Chennai	530.97	5004	494.86
7.	Manikanchan SEZ, Kolkata	48.63	1288	1018
8.	Wipro SEZ, Kolkata	166.00	2800	254.00

1	2	3	4	5
9.	Nokia SEZ, Sriperumbdur	803.85	5774	1649.66
10.	Flextronics SEZ, Sriperumbdur	626.00	1839	161.54
11.	ETL Infrastructure SEZ, Chennai	281.16	4450	131.28
	TOTAL:	3196.45	30964	9301.89

As per information available, the value of imported goods including Capital Goods in these SEZs in 2006-07 was Rs. 12630.33 Crores. The value of imports includes the value of raw material and components imported for manufacture of products covered under Information Technology Agreement - 1 (ITA 1), supply of which into domestic area are counted towards fulfillment of net foreign exchange earnings as per the provisions of the SEZ Rules 2006. However, the value of such supplies into domestic tariff area is not included in the exports figures.

Industries to be set up by NRIs in Sikkim

1690. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industries proposed to be set up by the NRIs in the State of Sikkim during the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) what measures are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) As per data available for the first year of the Eleventh Five Year Plan *i.e.* 2007-08 (April-May, 2007), there has been no inflow of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) (including NRI investment) and in the last five years, no approval for setting up an industry with FDI in Sikkim has been granted.

(b) Government has put in place a liberal and transparent policy for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) (including investment by NRI). Government has announced the 'North East Industrial and Investment Promotion Policy (NEIIPP), 2007' with effect from 1-4-2007, under which a package of fiscal incentives and other concessions has been notified for industries located in the North East Region.

Adverse effect of FDI in retail trade

1691. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that since January, 2006 Government is allowing Foreign Direct Investment in retail trade for single brand shops;

(b) whether it will adversely affect the middle and lower middle class shop keepers; and